



Press Release

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Sgt. Larry Harpster states that the Lake County Sheriff's Office has received equipment through its participation in the *Northern Border Initiative*. The equipment was received through the *Northern Border Initiative* Project, a federally funded program through the Department of Homeland Security, at no cost to the Sheriff's Office.

The Sheriff's Office Marine Patrol Unit has taken part in the *Northern Border Initiative* for a number of years. It involves diligent patrols of Lake Erie along the Lake County shoreline and waters out to the Canadian Border. The *Northern Border Initiative* is made up of numerous local, County, State, and Federal law enforcement agencies across the state. *"The principle goal of the Northern Border Initiative (NBI) is to protect Ohio and the United States by developing the resources and capabilities to effectively protect Lake Erie and its water front from a terrorist incursion or operation, illegal smuggling of goods, people and drugs. These efforts will effectively increase the security and safety of the international boundary between the United States and Canada. The NBI will serve as a visible presence to deter the use of the lake as a cross-border conduit for illegal activities. The NBI will accomplish that deterrence through the use of an all-partners approach to law enforcement actions, increasing public confidence in the security of the international border."* www.publicsafety.ohio.gov

The equipment includes GPS Personal Locator Beacons, commonly known as "EPIRB's" (Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacons) which will be utilized by the crew of the Sheriff's Marine Patrol Unit. A vessel "EPIRB" which will be affixed to the Sheriff's Patrol vessel itself was also obtained. Included in the grant was a handheld FLIR (Forward Looking InfraRed) camera, and a radiation monitor which will be used to monitor radiation levels on vessels coming into and out of Lake County ports. This equipment is vital to assisting the Sheriff's Marine Patrol Unit in its efforts to keep Lake County's Northern Border and its people safe.

It should be noted that such funding helps the Lake County Sheriff's Office

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to continue to provide law enforcement protection on the shores of Lake County at no cost to Lake County. As well, the participation of the Lake County Sheriff's Office in programs such as the Northern Border Initiative has brought needed funding for safety and security, as in the recent funding to help provided new radios to local law enforcement in our area.

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